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Sir Robert Falconer

Dear Sir:

I was sorry to leave Toronto without the opportunity of calling upon you.

From my last talk with Sir John & Lady Eaton I feel sure that the endowment will turn out to be satisfactory, and that it will eventually be increased.

The disturbing or rather difficult feature of the plan is they desire to have part of the endowment spent on "infants work" as distinguished from Pediatrics as the latter is now constituted.

Pediatrics might be re-defined for University purposes and be used as a term covering only the problems and the diseases of children of two years of age and under. While diseases of children over that age might be looked upon as general medicine and the staff in charge be looked upon ~~as a~~ and organized as a unit in Medicine just as the services at the T.G.H. are.

If this were done the object of the donors might be attained, and at the same time either the Western Hospital or St Michael Hospital units or both might be dropped and that of Medicine at the Hospital for Sick Children be substituted.

I had a conversation with Dr Allen Baines and I think his present plans would fall in with this plan, furthermore he asked me to talk over the scheme with the late Mr John Ross Robertson but this I was unable to arrange because of

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his illness.

I understood that it was your plan to appoint a committee consisting of Prof. Leathes, Dr Duncan Graham and myself to enquire into the possible candidates in England and Scotland, if this should be your intention I would like to get an outline of your ideas on this matter.

Dr Alan Brown took it upon himself to bring my name ~~up~~ before Sir John & Lady Eaton as a possible candidate for the vacant chair in Medicine. This he did in my presence and I took occasion to again place before them the reasons why I should not take the position, and my opinion as to the type of man we should look for.

There is a name for consideration, that of Prof. Hewlett of Leland Sanford. He is splendid teacher, but I have been unable to get any information about his executive ability.

I do not expect to join the hospital at once, probably I shall be at the Training Depot for five weeks.

With all good wishes.

Yours Sincerely

Wm Goldie.